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Art Unit 1648 Mail Stop Amendment

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

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A Method for Generating Immunogens that Elicit Neutralizing Antibodies Against Fusion-Active Regions of HIV Envelope Proteins

Inventors: WILD et al.

Our Ref: 1900.0260001/JMC/HCC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 with Exhibit 1 attached; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

The Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begins on page 7 of this paper.

An Attachment, Exhibit 1, begins after page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.